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**Former Department of Homeland Security Employee  
Sentenced to 63 Months Imprisonment  
Following Child Porn Conviction**

United States Attorney Richard B. Roper announced that Norman Harvey Potts was sentenced this morning by the Honorable A. Joe Fish, United States Chief District Judge, to 63 months imprisonment. Potts, age 40, pled guilty in October to one count of possession of child pornography in interstate commerce and to a criminal forfeiture allegation. Judge Fish ordered that Potts surrender to the Bureau of Prisons no later than February 22, 2005.

Potts, a former Department of Homeland Security Detention Officer, admitted that on January 21, 2004, when agents with the Department of Homeland Security executed a search warrant at his home, he possessed approximately 345 images of child pornography, which included visual depictions of minors under the age of 12 engaged in sexually explicit conduct and visual images that were sadistic and depictions of violence. Potts admitted to using the internet to download images of child pornography onto his home computer.

U.S. Attorney Roper praised the investigative efforts of the Department of Homeland Security and thanked them for their cooperation in the investigation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Aisha Saleem.

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